

# City of Detroit



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TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: David Whitaker   
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DATE: January 10, 2006

RE: Transportation Department submitting proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 58, Article IV, of the 1984 Detroit City Code to authorize.

The Transportation Department submitted to Your Honorable Body proposed an amendment Chapter 58 of the City Code (see attached) that would authorize the Department, upon approval by resolution of the City Council, to charge a special fare for a specified day during an event within the City, or a special fare for a specified period during an event in the City, as specified in the resolution, within one hundred eighty (180) days after adoption of said resolution.

Your Honorable Body has directed the Research & Analysis Division (RAD) to review the proposed amendment and inform you of whether or not City Council's approval would authorize the Department to pick the days and set the fees or would the department have to go back to City Council for that particular action.

As written, the proposed amendment would allow the Transportation Department to charge a special fare during an event or specified days during an event only after that particular fare and effective day(s) have been approved by Your Honorable Body through resolution. Approval of the proposed amendment would not authorize the Department to charge any special fares on its own without the approval of City Council

### SUMMARY

This proposed ordinance amends Chapter 58, Article IV, of the 1984 Detroit City Code, titled 'Busses', by amending Section 58-4-7, to authorize, upon approval by resolution of the City Council, the Detroit Department of Transportation to charge a special fare for a specified day during an event in the City, or a special fare for a specified period during an event in the City, as specified in the resolution, within one hundred eighty (180) days after adoption of said resolution.

1 BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_:

2 AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 58, Article IV, of the 1984 Detroit City Code,  
3 titled 'Busses', by amending Section 58-4-7, to authorize, upon approval by resolution of  
4 the City Council, the Detroit Department of Transportation to charge a special fare for a  
5 specified day during an event in the City, or a special fare for a specified period during an  
6 event in the City, as specified in the resolution, within one hundred eighty (180) days after  
7 adoption of said resolution.

8 IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF DETROIT THAT:

9 Section 1. Chapter 58, Article IV, of the 1984 Detroit City Code be amended by  
10 amending Section 58-4-7, to read as follows:

11 ARTICLE IV. BUSES

12 DIVISION 1.

13 Sec. 58-4-7. Fares and charges for Department of Transportation bus service.

14 (a) The fares and charges collected for Detroit Department of Transportation bus  
15 service shall be at the following rates:

- 16 (1) Boarding and debarking either within the corporate limits of the Cities of  
17 Detroit, Dearborn (certain routes only), Hamtramck and Highland Park, or  
18 within the premises of Eastland Center, Fairlane Town Center or Northland  
19 Center:

20 Adult cash fare ..... \$1.50

1	Adult authorized ticket distributor ticket fare	1.50
2	or, five (5) tickets for . . . . .	6.75
3	DOT/SMART:	
4	Regional monthly pass fare . . . . .	49.50
5	Monthly pass fare . . . . .	47.00
6	Bi-weekly pass fare . . . . .	27.50
7	Weekly pass fare . . . . .	14.40
8	Monthly minibus--Park and ride . . . . .	13.00
9	Student cash fare, with appropriate identification	0.75
10	Student ticket fare, with appropriate identification	0.75
11	or, five (5) student tickets for . . . . .	3.75
12	Senior citizen fare, with appropriate identification	None
13	(2) Other fares and charges:	
14	DOT/SMART special fare pass (disabled) . . . . .	None
15	Student DPS/DOT Transportation semester	
16	pass fare . . . . .	Prepaid by DPS
17	Park and ride ticket fare . . . . .	2.00
18	Or, ten (10) tickets for . . . . .	18.00
19	Park and ride monthly pass fare . . . . .	66.00
20	Inbound central business district fare . . . . .	0.50

1	Mini-bus loop (known as "Downtown Get-Around")	
2	or other connector service fare . . . . .	0.50
3	Downtown trolley fare . . . . .	0.50
4	Belle Isle fare . . . . .	0.50
5	Transfer charge, non-senior citizen . . . . .	0.25
6	Transfer charge, senior citizen,	
7	with appropriate identification . . . . .	None
8	Infant fare . . . . .	None
9	Student identification card charge . . . . .	2.00
10	Senior citizen identification card charge . . . . .	1.00
11	Disabled identification card charge . . . . .	1.00
12	Charter service . . . . .	Cost per revenue hour

(b) Rates for charter bus services provided by the Detroit Department of

Transportation shall be set annually pursuant to the regulations of the Federal Transit Administration of the United States Department of Transportation, and to the guidelines promulgated by the Bureau of Urban and Public Transportation of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

(c) Upon approval by resolution of the City Council, the Department of Transportation may charge a reduced fare, as defined in Section 58-4-1 of this Code, for a specified day or for specified days within one hundred eighty (180) days after adoption of said resolution.

1       (d) Upon approval by resolution of the City Council, the Department of  
2       Transportation may charge a special fare for a specified day during an event in the City,  
3       or a special fare for a specified period during an event in the City, as specified in the  
4       resolution, within one hundred eighty (180) days after adoption of said resolution.

5       ~~(d)~~(e) The Mayor and the City Council shall provide for the preservation of the  
6       senior citizen, student and disabled fares for the residents of Detroit contained in this  
7       ordinance section under any or all of the following conditions:

8       (1)     Route consolidation between the Detroit Department of Transportation and  
9               SMART or any other subsequent regional transportation authority created by  
10              state law;

11       (2)     The merger of the Detroit Department of Transportation with SMART or any  
12              other subsequent regional transportation authority created by state law; or

13       (3)     The management of the Detroit Department of Transportation by SMART or  
14              any other subsequent regional transportation authority created by state law.

15       ~~(e)~~(f) The schedule of fares and charges collected for Detroit Department of  
16       Transportation bus services shall be established and adopted by ordinance of the City  
17       Council, on or before May 17th of each year preceding the fiscal year for appropriation of  
18       such revenues, subject to the following conditions:

19       (1)     That a public hearing on the proposed schedule of rates and charges shall  
20              be held not less than five (5) business days before adoption of such  
21              ordinance;

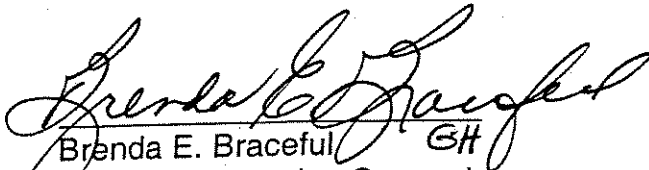
- 1 (2) That the Detroit Department of Transportation include, in its gross and net  
2 revenue projections for each its annual budget request for the next fiscal  
3 year, the estimated revenues to be derived from bus interior and exterior  
4 advertising space to be sold in the next fiscal year;
- 5 (3) That the Detroit Department of Transportation develop, maintain, and  
6 annually report to the City Council on its programs and devices implemented  
7 to reduce fraudulent activities in the use of reduced or free fare cards,  
8 badges, tickets or other devices, and other charges for access to bus  
9 services, submitting same not later than April 13th of each year;
- 10 (4) That the Detroit Department of Transportation develop, maintain and place  
11 on file an annual ridership and service delivery improvement and marketing  
12 plan that includes, as an achievable goal, an annual increase in ridership of  
13 not less than two (2) percent throughout the entire bus system ; , submitting  
14 same not later than April 13th of each year;
- 15 (5) That the Auditor General shall cause an independent audit of the Detroit  
16 Department of Transportation by March 31st of each year for years 2004,  
17 and 2005, and thereafter every two (2) years, for the purpose of examining  
18 vehicle maintenance, availability and cost of vehicle maintenance materials,  
19 and parts, and review of inventory processes and procedures; and
- 20 (6) That the Detroit Department of Transportation submit a cost-benefit analysis,  
21 proposed schedule of fares and charges, and budgetary recommendations  
22 to the City Council not later than April 13th annually.

1           **Section 2.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, that conflict with this ordinance  
2 are repealed.

3           **Section 3.** This ordinance is declared necessary to preserve the public peace,  
4 health, safety, and welfare of the People of the City of Detroit.

5           **Section 4.** In the event that this ordinance is passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority  
6 of City Council Members serving, it shall be given immediate effect and become effective  
7 upon publication in accordance with Section 4-116 of the 1997 Detroit City Charter. Where  
8 this ordinance is passed by less than a two-thirds (2/3) majority City Council Members  
9 serving, it shall become effective on the thirtieth (30) day after enactment, or on the first  
10 business day thereafter, in accordance with Section 4-115 of the 1997 Detroit City Charter.

11    Approved as to form only:

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13 Brenda E. Braceful  
14 Deputy Corporation Counsel

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